GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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FDI IN MEDICAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the name of liberalization and globalisation of economy, the Government are permitting more FDI to increase in foreign equity in existing companies which are manufacturing homoeopathic medicines and food products and as per the reports of WHO, they are producing sub-standard and spurious products;

(b) if so, the details of such industries which are being given permission to increase FDI; and

(c) the justification behind permitting such MNCs despite receiving detailed report from WHO against the said MNCs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) : Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is permitted for the manufacture of homeopathic medicines and food products in consultation with the administrative ministry concerned. Each administrative ministry is required to provide comments on the proposals relating to that ministry taking into consideration all relevant aspects.